



South Lexington Youth Baseball 2020 Spring Baseball Season COVID-19 Response Game Plan



The safety of our participants and their families is our top priority. Returning to the park and resuming our 2020 Spring baseball season is everyone's goal, but we strive to do so in a way that allows everyone to be safe and remain healthy. As a board, we have sought the guidance from local and state government, as well as, our governing body, the Babe Ruth League. Below you will find a brief outline of how we believe we can resume our baseball season in a safe manner.

Scheduling

- Practice for all leagues resume June 15th.
- Games for all leagues resume June 29th.
- Season and post-season will carry us into mid-September.
- Due to the extension of the Spring 2020 season, there will not be Fall Ball this year. We are considering options to have some kind of extension to the season for transitioning players (those going from t-ball to coach pitch or coach pitch to kid pitch) that would like to get experience at the next level.
- Practice and game start times will be staggered throughout the park to limit congestion in the parking lot and entrances.
- There will be additional time between practices and games to allow teams to vacate the field prior to the next team arriving.
- Divisions will be off every other weekend to limit the number of people in the park at one time. Under past circumstances, all 53 teams would be in the park on a Saturday; however, a maximum of 32 teams (60%) will frequent the complex on a Saturday for the remainder of the year.
- Major, Junior Major, and Minor will play the full schedule originally established. Rookie, T-ball, and Weeball will play one fewer game than originally scheduled.

Before Practice or Game

- If you or anyone in your family has exhibited COVID-19 symptoms within the preceding 2 weeks, stay home.
- Check your temperature prior to leaving home; if you have a fever, stay home.
- Make sure you have submitted your waiver to SLYB. This waiver must be signed prior to resuming play, acknowledging the guidelines that have been implemented and the risk of exposure. The waiver waives any possible claim against the City or SLYB.
- Do not carpool with other players. If possible, only travel with your family unit.
- Do not arrive prior to your established warm-up time provided by your coach.
- Make sure you enter the appropriate entrance for your schedule contest. We will be utilizing multiple entrances to prevent congestion and encourage social distancing.
- Make sure you report immediately to the assigned warm-up/staging area. This is to ensure that teams are not comingling.

During Practice or Game

- There will be no sharing of equipment. The City and SLYB will assist in the acquisition of additional equipment when necessary.
- Only 2 players will be permitted in the dugout at one-time. Coaches are permitted but must maintain 6' spacing. Minor, Junior Major, and Major division teams will utilize the bleachers with markings for 6' spacing as additional dugout space. All other divisions will have players situated along the 1st and 3rd baselines, in the outfield, 6' apart. At least one coach/adult will monitor the players and be positioned to protect players from a batted or thrown ball.
- All sunflower seeds and gum will be prohibited within the complex.
- Coaches must maintain 6' social distancing from all players, umpires, and spectators where practical (exceptions may include an injured player, setting the ball on a tee, instruction for t-ball, etc.).
- Home plate umpire will be positioned at least 6' behind the pitcher's mound to call balls and strikes. Umpire will sanitize balls each half inning.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended for all coaches and umpires.
- A maximum of 2 adult spectators per participant is strongly recommended and will be enforced if a 50-spectator limit isn't achieved.
- Spectators will be required to meet 6' social distancing guidelines amongst non-household family members.
- Sanitizer will be provided at each dugout and restroom. Players and coaches will sanitize hands between innings.
- Only one family unit is permitted in the restroom at a time.

After Practice or Game

- Shaking hands is not permitted.
- Post-game snacks for the teams are not permitted.
- Teams are permitted to have a short meeting afterward while adhering to 6' social distancing.
- Dugouts will be sanitized after each practice and game.
- All participants must promptly exit the park after their scheduled event has concluded, utilizing the same entrance previously used.